

LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS GRADUATES WITH APPROPRIATE CELEBRATIONS

Barnum Prizes Are Awarded; the First, \$30 in Gold, to Mr. Porter, and the Second, \$20 in Gold, to Mr. Meeker.

Audience Applauds Frequently as Class Orators Deliver Their Several Speeches—Much Interest in Salutatory by Philip Manjoney, Who Within Seven Years Has Learned English Language and Acquired Education.

Outranking in number all classes previously graduated, the members of the Class of 1909 of the Bridgeport High School last evening held their commencement exercises in Smith's theatre, stimulated by the presence of a multitude of sympathetic and admiring relatives and friends.

Representatives of the Board of Education, the High School faculty and the press occupied the boxes reserved for them, the remainder being filled with the families of the young people on the stage. The assemblage of graduates was backgrounded by the members of the High School chorus and the dainty modish gowns of the young ladies, relieved by the requisite black and white of the gentlemen's costumes, presented an attractive vision to the spectators. Superintendent Charles W. Deane and Principal Henry D. Simonds remained on the stage during the exercises.

Assisted by Vaughan's orchestra, and directed by Miss Cora M. Purviance, the choruses interspersed selections which alleviated the monotony of the oratorical work. The initial number of the program was by the Bridgeport High School, composed of Harris G. Sanborn and rendered by the High School orchestra.

The contestants for the Barnum prize, five in number, contributed the major portion of the program, and their efforts were well received as was attested by the frequent applause of the audience. The speakers this year were John Sherman Porter, Cornelia Sterrett Penfield, Nils

NO MINORITY REPORT ON ELECTRIC REPEAL BILL

Committee on Judiciary Unanimous Against Obnoxious Law, Says Senate Chairman Searls—Lobby Will Be Helpless to Prevent Repeal Legislation Proposed by Howland Dry Goods Company.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Hartford, June 23.—Senator Searls, chairman of the judiciary committee on the part of the senate, informed the Farmer correspondent today that the committee would submit a favorable report upon the substitute bill favored by the Howland Dry Goods Company of Bridgeport, and other commercial interests of the state, repealing the obnoxious statute under which the electric monopolies of Connecticut operated in towns whose populations exceed \$15,000. Senator Searls said that the report is now being prepared and its appearance can be looked for at any time. Contrary to a report in circles close to the electric lobby,

CLOSING EXERCISES ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Gold Medals and Prizes Awarded to Five for Excellence in Various Classes—Eighteen Will Graduate.

The closing exercises of St. Mary's Parochial school will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Mary's Hall, the following program will be presented by the members of the graduating class. Parents and friends of the students are invited.

An interesting feature of the ceremonies will be the award of scholarships as follows: To Patrick Henry Coleman, first scholarship, a gold medal; to Clara Cecilia Conroy, second scholarship, a silver medal; to Irene Elizabeth Dooley, third scholarship, a prayer book; to Irene Catherine Shannon, for superiority in Christian doctrine, gold medal; to William Sattoli Kearns, for prize essay, \$10 in gold.

The program is as follows: "The Day and Duty," Miss Clara Cecilia Conroy; duet and chorus, "Let Music and Song Be Our Pastime"; recitation, "The Three Calls," Misses Irene Shannon, Catherine F. Kearns, Margaret A. Hurley, Jane F. Gilroy; chorus, "Leaving Port," essay, "Joan of Arc," Miss Irene Dooley; recitation, "The Flower Song," piano, Misses Loretta V. McElroy, Martha E. Goodwin, mandolin, Miss Rose L. Cuneo, violin, Misses Catherine Shannon, Joseph J. Lisko; recitation, "Mrs. Caudle on Spring Clothing," Master Stephen P. Kish; song, "Hail the Flag," hymn, "All for Thee, O Lord of Jesus"; prize essay, "Pre-Columbian America," Master William E. Kearns; chorus, "Days of Day"; class prophecy, Master John J. Kearney; poem, "Our Parting," Miss Josephine M. Baldwin; declamatory selection, "Cassius and Brutus," Miss Francis A. Dun, Thomas P. O'Hara; vocal duet, "The Lily and the Rose," Misses Clara C. Conroy, Irene E. Dooley; valedictory, "Catholic Education," Master Patrick Henry Coleman; presentation of medals and diplomas. Rev. J. F. Murphy; class song, "Alma Mater." Graduates: Patrick Henry Coleman, Clara Cecilia Conroy, Irene Elizabeth Dooley, William Sattoli Kearns, Irene Catherine Shannon, Rose Laura Cuneo, Catherine Frances Kearns, Francis Anthony Dunn, Margaret Anne Hurley, Loretta Cecilia McElroy, Josephine Mary Baldwin, Stephen Paul Kish, Charles Jerome

JUDSON DRAFTS AMENDMENT PUTTING TEETH INTO THE CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Constitutional Officers Are Exempt from Trial Before Election Court, But Are Bound to Same Scale of Expenditure to Get Office as Other Candidates.

Expenditures for Nominations and for Elections Are Divided—Maximum Sum Allowed for Nomination Expenses is \$10 per Candidate Per Thousand People in His Party and \$15 Per Thousand People in His Party for Election Expenses.

The Corrupt Practices Act of 1907, which created what is now known as the Fox election court, was tried and found wanting on the grounds of unconstitutionality when the late Governor Lilley was prosecuted. At that time Attorney Stiles Judson of this city successfully defended Gov. Lilley, showing the weakness of the act. Attorney Judson has now drafted certain amendments to the old act which will overcome its defects and have the intended effect of preventing corruption in elections.

The weakness of the old act lay in the fact that all officers elected by the direct vote of the people were liable to prosecution before this so-called "election court." One section of the amended act provides that all U. S. Senators and Congressmen, members of the General Assembly, and State officers shall be exempt from trial before the newly created election court. This provision was made because no court has the right to pass upon the validity of an election to an office which was created by the people's vote. Only the body to which the holder of the office in question has been elected may inquire into and decide upon the methods used in election.

According to this, members of the General Assembly and the State officers as the Secretary of State, may not be brought before the election court of inquiry, but may be heard only by the General Assembly. The Attorney General's office is not provided for in the constitution. Therefore, he, like the Mayor of a city, may be haled before the election court for inquiry into any irregular methods used in his election.

Attorney Judson in speaking to a Farmer reporter today, characterized the old election court as a sort of hybrid institution. The old act provided that two judges should preside at the court, one of whom should be a Justice of the Superior court. The court is now more clearly defined and its exact status is set forth so that no question can be made as to its jurisdiction and as to the court legally holds among the courts of the State.

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SUIT IS FILED AGAINST SULTAN

(Special from United Press.)

Constantinople, June 23.—Another suit was filed against the Sultan today by All Halder Midhat Pasha, son of the unfortunate Midhat Pasha who was killed in the Armenian massacre of 1908. The son charges, at Abdul's order, Abdul is reported to have made liberal grants of land and money to the soldiers who were loyal to the Sultan in the case, as he is fearful of the revelations that will come with the prosecution of the suit.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE ASSEMBLES MONDAY

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Hartford, June 23.—Senator Barnum, chairman of the special committee which is considering the question of a public utilities commission for Connecticut, informed the Farmer correspondent today that he had notified the members of the committee to meet with him on Monday of next week, in the forenoon, in the room of the lieutenant Governor, for the purpose of deciding upon what kind of a report should be submitted to the General Assembly. The Senator said that all of the evidence has been submitted and he saw no reason why the committee should not draft its report in order that the work of facilitating adjustment of the General Assembly on July 15 might be aided.

Weather Indications.

New Haven, June 23.—Forecast: warm, sultry weather with showers tonight. Thursday, showers and cooler. Showers have been quite general during the past 24 hours between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi, the Lake Region and New England. The temperature continues high over the eastern sections but low in the west. Edmonton, B. N. W. reports a minimum temperature of 36 degrees. This vicinity is in the area where local showers are likely to develop during the afternoon or at night. The temperature will continue high today, but will be slightly lower on Thursday.

WOMEN THIEVES MUST DO TIME

TWO SISTERS AND THEIR NIECE SENTENCED ON FOUR COUNTS FOR SHOPLIFTING

Attorney Appeals in Vain

Court Has Heard of One Case of Kleptomania, But Never of Two at Once, Not to Mention Three—Women Coolly Submit to Being Measured and Mugged, a la Bertillon.

Deputy Judge Wilder undoubtedly intends to teach shoplifters a lesson. In the city court this morning he sent Mary Carroll to jail for 75 days and fined her \$1 and costs. Her sister, Mrs. Fanny McLean, alias Atkins, he sent to jail for 65 days and fined her \$5 and costs. Their niece, Mrs. Emma Tooker, he fined \$1 and costs and sent her to jail for 55 days. The McLean woman was unrepresented by counsel. Attorney George F. Mara, who appeared for Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Tooker, asked that his clients be placed in the charge of the probation officer, because it was the time they had been arrested. The court refused to suspend the sentence and probate the prisoners, believing that female prisoners arrested for shoplifting and sent to jail would not be escaping too lightly in the past.

Attorney Mara said he understood that it had been the custom to probate women arrested for a first offense. He had in mind that Mrs. Nelson, a shoplifter, was probated after being arrested for her second offense; that the judge said that it was also possible that the minds of his clients were unbalanced, when they did the thieving. The judge said that he had known of cases of kleptomania, but he never heard of their being two cases at once. The police had prepared four counts against the Carroll woman; four against the Tooker woman; and three against the McLean woman. The latter did not take an appeal as she did not know whom she could get to put up a bond for her. Mrs. Tooker and Mrs. Carroll took an appeal, the former under bonds of \$400 and the latter under bonds of \$450. Attorney Mara said that his clients had relatives in Waterbury who would furnish a real estate bond some time to-day.

ALLEGED MURDERER IS IMPERSONATOR

POLICE LOOKING FOR LEON LING, CHINESE SUSPECT, DISGUISED AS WOMAN

Latest Order Sent Out Today

Vigorous Search Being Made of All Secret Subterranean Haunts in Chinatown, Where Missionary Girl's Slayer Is Supposed to Have Taken Refuge.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, June 23.—"Look for Leon Ling, disguised as a woman, hiding in the secret subterranean haunts of your Chinatown where the Celestials conceal the females of their race." It follows the receipt of a letter by Assistant District Attorney Ward to-day informing him that Leon came to this country six years ago with a Chinese theatrical troupe and that he is an accomplished impersonator. He played the parts of women five years, the letter said, and is so expert in assuming the role of a female that he deceives his most intimate Chinese friends. It is said that when Leon is in cities where Chinese openly appear on the streets as in San Francisco he has used this training to accomplish his purpose in many of the places in which he is known to have been involved.

This new information has given strength to the belief that Leon has made his new home in New York, in the Chinese quarter, where he has been engaged in bringing Chinese women to this country, crossing the Rio Grande from the interior.

His journey might have been accomplished, the police say, by the disguising him knowing the character of the Gee Chong Tong, the revolutionary society, the object of which is to overthrow the present government of China and which is very strong in most American and South American cities. The police are credited to have some important mission for this Tong he would have had the aid of the most extensive underground workings of the Chinese. The disguise of a woman it is believed that Leon hoped to escape detection and would take passage on a trans-Atlantic steamer.

On June 22.—The Chinatown squad, under the direction of Chief Cook, who knows more of the underground life of the Orientals than any other white man in New York, is making a systematic search for a trace of Leon Ling, wanted in New York as the alleged murderer of Elsie Sigel. The police are making a search for a woman who is believed to be the sister of the Chinese quarter rangers throughout the world. The police are believed to have caused this information to be put in circulation.

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MRS. GOULD'S DRINK MEN, COCKTAIL, SMALL BOTTLE OF WINE AND CORDIAL

With This for Luncheon Beverage Witness Testified Howard Gould's Wife Was Only a "Moderate Drinker!"

(Special from United Press.)

New York, June 23.—Further evidence to prove that Mrs. Katherine Clemons Gould, who is suing Howard Gould for separation and alimony, never drank more than "a perfect lady should," was introduced at the resumption of the trial today. Edward Roman, superintendent of Mme. Edmund's dressmaking establishment, said he had seen Mrs. Gould at Mme. Edmund's many times, but had never seen her drink anything stronger than water. Mrs. Mabel Sells, a friend of Mrs. Gould for many years, said she was present during Mrs. Gould's several times a week while in New York, was a member of the famous Gould Egyptian party and a guest of the Goulds on their trip to Florida in 1905. On none of these occasions had she ever seen evidence that Mrs. Gould was drunk, she said. Mrs. Sells said she was present during Mrs. Gould's several times a week while in New York, was a member of the famous Gould Egyptian party and a guest of the Goulds on their trip to Florida in 1905. On none of these occasions had she ever seen evidence that Mrs. Gould was drunk, she said. Mrs. Sells said she was present during Mrs. Gould's several times a week while in New York, was a member of the famous Gould Egyptian party and a guest of the Goulds on their trip to Florida in 1905. On none of these occasions had she ever seen evidence that Mrs. Gould was drunk, she said.

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NOTICE.

All members of the Lucretia Buchrist League of St. Charles church are requested to attend the meeting of the League at the residence of the late John Duffy, 113 Brooks street, Thursday evening at 7:30.